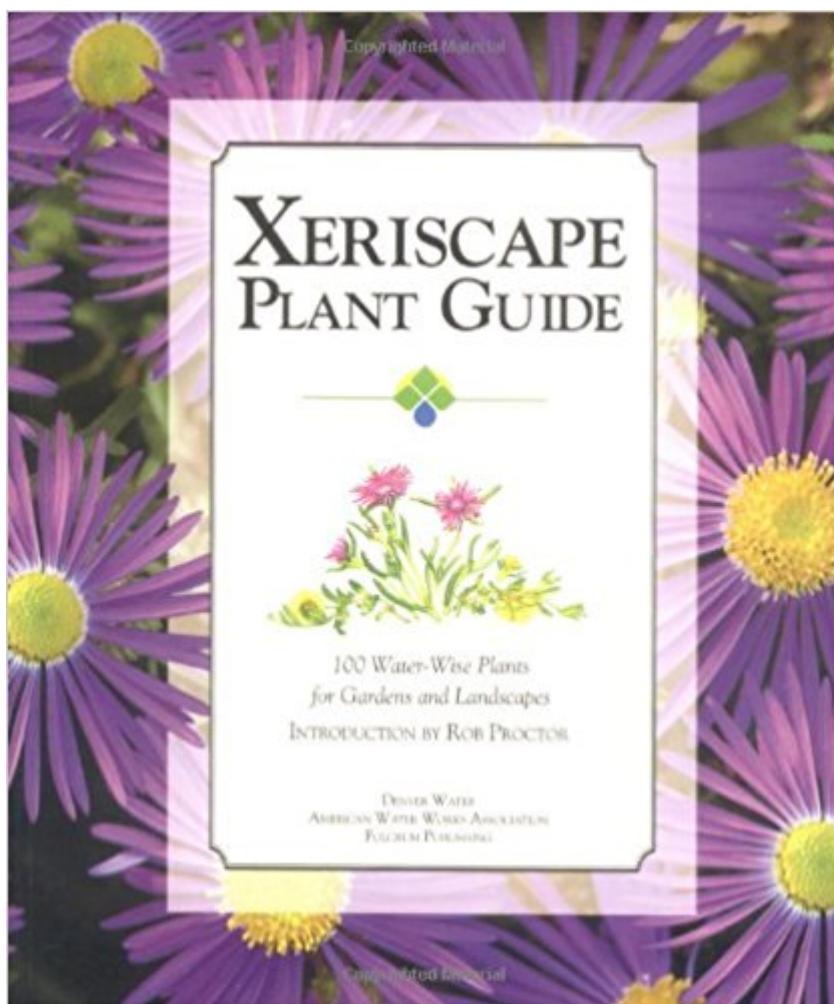


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# Xeriscape Plant Guide: 100 Water-Wise Plants For Gardens And Landscapes



## Synopsis

This guide takes the mystery out of Xeriscape gardening, referencing more than 100 water-wise trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, vines, ground cover, grasses, and shade plants chosen to add color and diversity to any landscape. Each portrait is illustrated with color botanical illustrations and photographs, detailing the characteristics, landscaping use, and growing conditions of the plant. With the increasing national concern over water consumption, gardeners and landscapers will find Xeriscaping a practical approach to creating a landscape in tune with the environment.

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"Those exploring dryland gardening will find the Xeriscape Plant Guide to be splendidly helpful...This light-hearted handbook is of great use to the gardener." -Anne Lovejoy, Horticulture magazine "The Xeriscape Plant Guide (two green thumbs up) is a beautiful book with information gathered from a who's who of ... horticultural luminaries." -Lauren Springer and Rob Proctor, The Denver Post "This meaty and attractive work on gardening for water conservation features many interesting native plants that would add to almost any garden." -The Bloomsbury Review

Rob Proctor is an author, photographer, lecturer, garden designer, and, above all, a passionate gardener. For eight years, he collaborated with Lauren Springer on an award-winning gardening column for The Denver Post. Together they designed the Perennial Walk at Denver Botanic Gardens. Rob is the author of ten books, including Naturalizing Bulbs and Herbs in the Garden: The

Art of Intermingling. He is also a published garden photographer, and has taught garden illustration and is Director of Horticulture at Denver Botanic Gardens. Rob wrote the introduction to Xeriscape Plant Guide.

Review - "Xeriscape Plant Guide" This is a collection of plants to be used in the arid climate of Denver. The information on the plants is extensive and excellent. The choices of plants to be discussed is very good, but not encyclopedic. The text is 95% the plant information. The pictures in the book are botanical illustration work of 31 Colorado artists. These images are excellent in botanic detail and in artistic beauty. I can see this book being broken up into "prints" for separate sale as many of the 19th century botanical books of engravings have been. Overall this is a very useful book for individuals gardening in the Denver area, which is where this book is printed by Fulcrum Publishing in Golden Colorado. The cover lists Denver Water, American Water Works Association and Fulcrum Publishing instead of an author. There is a good introduction by Rob Proctor. The book is also useful for an individual in other arid climates, but the plant selection would have to be carefully researched for those not close to Denver.

This is one of my favorite resources for adding plants to my garden in Albuquerque. While I have other plant guides that are better simply because they are more specific to my region, none match this one for beauty. This book is clearly a labor of love from a group of people who are hoping to advance xeric gardening in the Denver area. The information extends pretty well to planting zones 4-7, especially for dry, high altitude climates. The number of plants listed is a little low compared to other guides that I use, but the coverage of each plant is excellent - one or two full pages of text and pictures. The two-page entries generally include several pictures, including pictures from different seasons. There is also a color drawing of each plant, which makes it easier to see significant details and is helpful with identification. The text is also useful and well organized, but it is the pictures that I spend the most time browsing through.

I found this book useful in selecting (and rejecting) some plants for my garden in Sparks, NV. It is disappointing that the book came off the press with an index that simply does not correspond to the text. The pages references are wrong and the index includes plants that are not in the book at all. I hope the publisher has provided errata for any books of this printing that remain for sale.

Very complete description of these 100 plants. Should be very helpful in plant selection.

lovely and informative. My go to book on water wise plants

Because I'm new to gardening, checked this book out from the library. I loved it so much I had to buy it. The selling point for me was the photographs of the plant in all 4 seasons!! What a great idea!! Now I can make a better decision of what to plant!

Nice book, just what I needed.

Wife has used this book to xeriscape our front yard.

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